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Brian Gionta with Leo and Eli Groulx, Pierre Groulx's six year old twin boys.

A new voice for Fort Erie
Race Track. See page 36

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Sabres captain goes the extra mile

Josh Thomas,
Special to the Times

With the NHL playoffs
in full swing, Buffalo
Sabres captain Brian

Gionta was doing some-
thing far more import-
ant than playing hockey this
past Saturday.

Fans young and old
lined up for autographs

and pictures with Gionta,
the only cost being a
donation to Bethesda, a
non-profit organization
dedicated to providing
services to children and

adults with special needs.
Local realtor and former
Montreal Canadiens
goalenders coach Pierre
Groulx organized the
benefit. Groulx has

twin six-year-old boys,
one of whom is on the
autism spectrum,
he said.

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David Adair looks on excitedly while Brian Gionta signs autographs and poses for pictures with fans at the Royal LePage office on Ridge road.

The answer was an easy one for Gionta

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When came to Fort Erie and needed help with his son, it was Bethesda who provided the services needed.

In addition to having Gionta there, Groulx also had a stick signed by this year's Montreal Canadiens up for raffle, and if fans got hungry there was pizza on site and freezies for the little ones, but the NHL star was definitely the main attraction.

Gionta, who has spent 15 seasons in the NHL, met Groulx during his time in Montreal from 2010-2014 and they've become good friends outside the sport. So when Groulx asked Gionta for this favour, the answer was an easy one.

"I've gotten to know Pierre really well, and I've gotten to know his kids really well, when he called I was on board right away," said Gionta.

Gionta went the extra mile. In addition to autographs and pictures, he answered any and all questions fans had for him with a smile, and sometimes had long conversations when there was a break in the line — even when those conversations had to do with the Sabres losing out on Connor McDavid.

This shouldn't come as a surprise, Gionta has always been good in the community, one of the responsibilities of captaining an NHL team, sure, but Gionta was doing this long before he wore the C anywhere.

Groulx was asked by a fan if NHL players are really like how we see them on TV in interviews and on behind the scenes shows. According to Groulx they're exactly as they're portrayed.

"What you see is what you get, they're good guys," said Groulx. "Brian is one of the best, when I called him and asked him to do this there were no questions asked, he said yes right away."

At the end of the day everyone walked away happy, fans were able to meet one of their NHL heroes, and money was raised for a good cause.

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Eco team working on the litterless lunch



St. Joseph School Special to The Times

For the month of May, St. Joseph School is going litterless.

The Eco Team has issued a challenge to the entire school – go litterless for the

month.

Did you know that the average student produces 4.5 kg of garbage per month in a school?

The Eco Team at St. Joseph School in Snyder wants to see that number go way down.

Students are being encouraged to bring in litterless lunches every day. Student lunches are checked each day in every classroom and if the student brings in a totally litterless lunch they document it on a chart in the front hall of the school.

This visual reminder is an incentive to the students to try to beat the other classes. At stake is the coveted Litterless Lunch trophy.

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Erika Brunning and Gigi Cuvellio from the Grade 2/3 class at St. Joseph School show off the Litterless Lunch Trophy and the litterless lunches that they bring on a daily basis.

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'Mother Nature is the most creative artist'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Benno Raemisch finds beauty in stones, driftwood and rocks that most people would miss.

"Mother Nature is the

most creative artist," he said. Raemisch, a woodcarver who was born in Germany and later immigrated to Canada, has always had an interest in nature.

He creates a variety of art, jewellery and centerpieces

made from items he found in nature.

Raemisch, who settled in Fort Erie in 2005, is eager to make the community "a permanent home" for himself. He has set a goal to start his own business to teach people how to do woodwork and design, using materials from nature.

"I want to teach people that you can make things from nothing, from things you find in nature, at the beach, in the water, or in the backyard!"

All anyone needs "a little creativity."

Raemisch, who has more than 40 years of experience as a woodcarver, would like to work with seniors and students, teaching them how to create his artwork.

Raemisch enjoys creating because he turns earthly items like pine cones and rocks into something beautiful.

The artist invites the community to learn more about his work, which is on display at Aroma Bubble and Friends, at 12 Jarvis St. in Fort Erie.

According to Raemisch, a



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie's Benno Raemisch captures the beauty of nature in his art. He uses stones, driftwood and other items he finds in nature to create one-of-a-kind art.

lot of people don't stop to take the time to admire the beauty that is around them. Many people are simply too busy, he said.

"When it comes to art, my philosophy is simple. Everyone is always in a rush, but people need to relax. The idea behind my art is to get

people to get their eyes off of the computer and get their eyes on nature." sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

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Condo project plan

Fort Erie's councillors want to see a plan put in place for the future development of Bay Beach.

During a council-in-committee meeting on May 4 a recommendation from Town staff was approved to hire Planning Partnership, a Toronto-based firm, at a cost of \$100,000 to develop the Bay Beach Master Plan.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts didn't support the recommendation and said he voted against it because of a potential conflict of interest.

A partner with the firm was involved with planning a 12-storey condominium project. The Molinaro Group, a Burlington-based developer, spent years planning a controversial condo project in the Bay Beach area but scrapped the project at the last minute in 2013.

The Molinaro Group filed

a lawsuit last year against the town and its councillors seeking damage.

Ed Lusig, the Town's lawyer said the conflict of interest has been reviewed and the firm's employees, who were involved with planning the condominium project will not be involved in the development of the new master plan.

Fort Erie man charged

A Fort Erie man has been arrested and charged with multiple violent offences. Niagara Regional Police say last Wednesday, they began an investigation into an incident which occurred the previous night.

As a result of the investigation, a 37-year-old man from Fort Erie was arrested. Charged with assault, sexual assault, overcome resistance by attempting to suffocate, forcible confinement and utter threats is Richard Brant.

Police say the accused and victim are known to each other.



Harry Rosewater Special to The Times

Big mess

A tractor-trailer carrying a load of roofing shingles to the United States spilled its load at the Peace Bridge Saturday night. The driver lost control and struck a cement retaining barrier, Niagara Regional Police said. The load of shingles spilled from the truck to the roadway. Significant damage was caused to the truck, retaining barrier, road signage and the load of shingles. The 37-year-old driver was assessed at the scene by EMS and released. He was not injured.

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Do you Remember?

Thanks to an anonymous Town of Fort Erie employee, we know a little more about last week's photo of the children and their trophies. These champs were part of a children's bowling league in the early 1970s. Front row, middle is Mark McKinnon. Back row, left to right: Duane Fretz, unknown girl, unknown boy, Greg Athoe and Jeff Sider. Bruce Thompson is the adult standing at the rear. If this triggers any more memories, please do get in touch with us. This week's photo of bingo players has the name Bill Owens written on the back. If you can tell us which one is Bill or the names of any other people in this photo, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Ignorance might be contagious when it comes to sex ed

Let's talk about sex... or maybe not.

Yes it's awkward and yes it can be uncomfortable to talk about sex especially with your kids, but can someone please explain to me why parents are taking their children out of school in protest to the new sexual education curriculum proposed for Ontario?

A Facebook group called Parents and Students on Strike, one week no school is encouraging parents to keep their children out of school this week to try and stop Ontario's new sex-ed curriculum. Who exactly are they punishing here or proving a point to?

Taking your kids out of school for a week only means they will miss lessons and have to catch up on work regardless of your cause or your beliefs.

For some reason, I have a feeling these same parents would be up in arms if



Special to The Times
Annie Pasquariello

teachers were on strike and their children were missing a week of school. These may not be the same parents who had no idea their child was sexting, or talking about oral sex at the playground with fellow classmates.

I learned about sexual education more than 20 years ago, about the same time the curriculum was updated. In Ontario, the curriculum has not been updated since 1998. A lot has changed since then, not only because we are in the digital age, but because we (most of us) have become more educated and accepting to the Lesbian Gay

Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community. Although I don't always agree with Premier Kathleen Wynne's decisions for the province, I cannot get over the outright hate and homophobic comments I have read online about her and the new curriculum.

Don't worry people, you can't be taught gay or catch it. I think ignorance and yet we hate thought.

Some parents think the curriculum is not age appropriate. What is age appropriate? We live in a highly sexualized society surrounded by images of sex and yet we don't want students to learn about body parts. We let our children play on computers and tablets, where it is very easy to find out about sex or probably even watch a video that is nowhere near reality, yet do not want them to know facts or get educated on safe sex.

What is wrong with updating

the curriculum to learn about the concept of consent, gender identity, sexually transmitted infections, the perils of online bullying and the dangers of sharing sexually explicit images electronically?

What I've read is that most of the objections come from religious groups who claim the curriculum doesn't align with their values and parents who have accused the government of failing to allow them enough input into the development of the new curriculum.

Well it seems parents' input would be waiting until students are in high school and only talk about sex between a man and a woman and maybe teen pregnancy.

No matter what religion you are, sex is a part of life. Although we like to believe that children are innocent and remain abstinent, they aren't. The new curriculum is teaching them facts so they

can be safe and make better decisions.

Although cliché, knowledge is power. I would rather live in a society where teenagers are aware that, yes, you can contract diseases from anal sex and oral sex and young girls and boys realize what consent truly means.

Maybe some parents do talk to their children at home about sex and feel they know when it is the appropriate time to do so. But kids also hide a lot from their parents and sex isn't the easiest thing to bring up at the dinner table.

Instead of protesting and making ridiculous comments online, parents do have the right to withdraw their kids from all or part of the new curriculum if they're uncomfortable with its content. It's that easy.

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A dandelion is a dandelion is a coltsfoot

The late Bert Miller introduced us to this spring flowering plant. As Bert often did he asked questions of us. "What do you see?" My answer was simple. "A dandelion." He replied, "Look at their stems." Not a dandelion.

Coltsfoot

Bert plucked one. There was no smooth dandelion stem. Instead little leaf-like leaves were attached to the coltsfoot stem. Otherwise first glance — dandelions.

Bert Miller knew a lot about the medicinal values of our native plants. As we looked at the coltsfoot plant I recall him saying a word that sounded like "per-tussis." He told us to look on our cough medicine bottles. "You will find that ingredient often in cough syrups." He told that our colonial forefathers would take all of the



When Nature Calls

Earl Plato

coltsfoot plant — flower stem, leaves and root and boil it down into a syrup — and an effective cough syrup!

For many years as you enter Marcy Woods you will find a colony of coltsfoot plants just before you enter the nature preserves. This is early spring usually before dandelions arrive. The leaves resemble a colts foot. Hence the name.

Did Bert say "per-tussis" or was it just "tussis"? I am not sure. The scientific name for coltsfoot is

Tussilagi farfara. It is derived from the Latin tussis, meaning cough and ags, meaning to act on. Bert was right about coltsfoot, and its medicinal use.

Look for "dandelion-like coltsfoot this spring.

A quote from American journalist, Michael Levy, "... this might be one of the worse years for ticks — which carry Lyme disease."

That was last year. Hopefully this year's brutal winter will decimate many ticks. Here is some information about ticks in Niagara. I like Wainfleet Conservation area. I have walked the paths there over the years. All I remember are hungry mosquitoes. I never thought of ticks until the Wainfleet Conservation Report last year. Here are found the Black-legged ticks that can carry Lyme disease. Of the 46 Black-legged tested Over half tested positively for Lyme disease!

Wainfleet site is monitored for the disease.

Correct me. So far the incidence has been very low.

Let's hope this year that the number will be lower. Remember to check your body for ticks or tick bites after nature walks such as in Marcy Woods. Stay on he trails! Check your dog too.

Finally May on the Friendship Trail on my trusty electric scooter. Things look good on the trail. Ride down to Six Mile Creek bridge.

Good shape. Next day headed West past Gorham Road to Cherry Hill Blvd. Fences repaired and good riding. One open fence area for owner access on south side. Met more than nine walkers, runners, cyclists and roller bladders. Guess what? Everyone said hello. They were all friendly. Keep it up!

Saw three beautiful white Egrets

at Point Abino. Brother Ed, Keith Bailey and I enjoyed a rare sight. We have seen up to eight egrets at Frenchman's Creek, Never at Point Abino.

Looked for those American invaders several times recently along the Niagara River. Six visits only three black coloured Cormorants.

How come? Buffalo TV News reported at a beach south of Buffalo with many dead Double-crested cormorants. Why?

Our winter's deep freeze prevented these fish eating birds from accessing to their food. They starved! Hopefully less damage to our river trees. Their excrement is so strong that it kills the tree eventually. Last year we saw 30 plus cormorants in one tree in Fort Erie. It has since died!

Earl Plato is an author and Fort Erie resident

Kenya and Still Alice in the spotlight at Fort Erie Library

This evening's film at the Fort Erie Public Library is Still Alice, based on Lisa Genova's best-selling book, with Julianne Moore starring in her Oscar-winning role as Alice Howland. Happily married with three grown children, Alice is a linguistics professor who starts to forget words. When she receives a devastating diagnosis, Alice and her family are challenged in many ways. Still Alice, which plays tonight at 6:30 at the Centennial branch and Tuesday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. at Crystal Ridge, is the only fictional account of Alzheimer's disease recommended by the Alzheimer Society. Besides Julianne Moore, the cast includes Kristen Stewart, Kate Bosworth, Alec Baldwin and Victoria Cartagena. This is a film worth watching, and a book worth



Fort Erie Public Library

Amy Roebuck

reading. Genova's other books include: Left Neglected; Love, Anthony; and her latest work, Inside the O'Brien's. These works examine the lives of families dealing with brain injury, autism and Huntington's disease, respectively.

On Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Centennial branch, Joseph Mwangi, owner of Nature's Wonderland Safaris in Nairobi, Kenya, and Maurice Jacklin, a recent client of Mwangi's, will discuss and answer questions about birding

and wildlife safaris in Kenya. Come hear about the annual Wildest Migration in Kenya's Masai Mara Game Reserve, and the impressive numbers of birds and other mammals that can be seen. The library collection includes books for all ages, both fiction and non-fiction, about Kenya. Erica Walters wrote Walking Home, for young adults, and The Matatu, for children. For You are a Kenyan Child is by Kelly Curranne, and 2004 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Wangari Maathai is honoured by Donna Jo Napoli in her biography Mama Miti. For adult readers, Bill Bryson's African Diary is about his trip around Kenya, made at the invitation of Car International. Elspeth Huxley's The Flame Trees of Thika: memories of an African childhood and Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen) are

both classic memoirs of growing up in Kenya. The Lonely Planet's Great Journeys: the world's most spectacular routes details three recommended trips that include Kenya.

Niagara Falls historian Sherman Zavitz will be the guest speaker of the Bertie Historical Society at the Crystal Ridge branch of the library on May 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend on Wednesday evening, and there is no admission fee. Many of Mr. Zavitz's books on Niagara history are part of the library collection.

A WWE 2K15 video game tournament will be held on Saturday, May 16, with bracketing at 10:15 a.m. Register now to pick your talent and jump into the ring. This event, rated T for Teen, is free. There are 17 screenings of

SpongeBob Squarepants: sponge out of water during the week ahead. On Friday, May 15, this animated adventure will be screened at 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch and at 2:30 in the afternoon at Crystal Ridge. An encore showing will be held at Crystal Ridge on Saturday, May 16 at 2:30 p.m. Did you know that SpongeBob creator Steve Hillenburg is a marine biologist?

Please note that on Monday, May 18, all branches of the Fort Erie Public Library will be closed for Victoria Day. The website is always open at www.fepil.ca, so you can place holds, do research, or relax with terrific magazines from Zinio, even when the library is not open.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.



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Go Karts and Mini Putt in Niagara Falls. Project SHARE would like to thank all

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Now, this does not mean you will break all of these largely filled teeth. However, it means that when you have



Dr. John Inigo

a large filling, you are at a significantly higher risk for a tooth fracture or a crack.

Here is the concern. When you wait for a tooth to break, there is a possibility that your dentist may not be able to fix that tooth. Even if the tooth is fixable, the underlying tooth structure could be damaged where by the longevity of that tooth would be reduced.

If you happen to crack a tooth (both than fracture the tooth), the problem is more significant. A crack, once it starts, cannot be stopped. Sometimes these cracks can run down to the nerve of the tooth or the bone, which makes it extremely difficult to fix and can cause

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Ronald McDonald House fundraiser honours Kelsey's spirit

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Losing a loved one is hard but when a parent loses his or her child, the pain is unimaginable.

"It's absolutely horrible when a young life is cut short and Kelsey's life was cut short," Lana Hill said.

Hill's daughter Kelsey, a shy 13-year-old, died on Dec. 13, 2011 after a 15-month battle with a neuroectodermal tumour, an aggressive form of brain cancer.

Over the course of chemo and radiation treatments, Kelsey had one wish — she wanted to help other children fighting cancer.

"Before her diagnosis, Kelsey was a shy girl. But afterward, she finally found her voice," Hill said about her daughter.

In 2011, Kelsey saw a flyer for the second annual Footsteps for Families Walk-Run-Hike-A-thon event which benefited Ronald McDonald House.

The previous year, Hill said her daughter and her friends collected money for the inaugural Footsteps for Families fundraiser in support of Ronald McDonald House for a school-mate Stevensville



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Gordon Ellison, spiritual medium and teacher of meditation and psychic development, will host a spiritual reading at the Black Creek Community Centre on Sunday, May 31 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for Team Kelsey, a group of friends and family who continue to fundraise for cancer research and to assist families in need in memory of Kelsey Hill, who died of cancer in 2011. The proceeds from the event will benefit Ronald McDonald House in Hamilton. From left, is Derek Hill, Lana Hill and Gordon Ellison.

Public School.

This time, Kelsey took up the challenge to raise money for the facility which helped out her family in their time of need.

"We decided to create a team and I asked Kelsey

what she wanted us to call it. Of course, it was Team Kelsey," Hill said.

"Kelsey designed the logo and we had a friend design the shirts. They are green which is Kelsey's favourite colour."

That year, Kelsey raised an impressive \$15,000 for the event which was held on June 12. Team Kelsey was awarded top fundraiser and most team spirit.

Today, Kelsey's family and friends continue to honour her spirit by wearing T-shirts and hoodies. They also continue to hold fundraisers to raise money for various charities and cancer research.

Team Kelsey will host Connections With Spirit, a fundraising event led by Gordon Ellison, spiritual medium and teacher of meditation and psychic development.

The spiritual reading will be held on Sunday, May 31 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Black Creek Community Centre, 2959 Baker Rd., in Stevensville. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Team Kelsey Nights Of Comfort Fund at Ronald McDonald House Hamilton.

Hill said she met Ellison at an event at the community

centre.

"I picked up a copy of Gordon's book to read it. I wasn't expecting anything. His wife had asked me if I wanted to get my hook signed and I said sure."

When Hill met Ellison, she never expected to hear the words he spoke to her.

"He told me that he had a message from my daughter. Gordon said she's still here with me. I asked him if he meant Kelsey and he said yes."

Hearing her daughter was still left "was the greatest feeling."


Ellison said participants

should come to the spiritual reading with an open mind.

Seating is limited to 100 people and tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets call Leslie Ellison at 905-991-0790 or Lana Hill at 905-382-1611.

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Canadian rock band Hollerado will perform the first show at the Bell Tower Sanctuary Centre for the Arts on May 23.

Band will kick things off at Bell Tower

Josh Thomas
Special to the Times

A unique band is set to perform at the grand opening of a unique venue.

The much anticipated new Bell Tower Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in downtown Bridgeburg will open its doors May 23 and Canadian band Hollerado will kick things off as the performers of the venue's first show.

Jason Pizziccola, owner and founder of the Bell Tower at 575 Central Ave, said it was an easy choice to go with the Ottawa based rock band.

"Hollerado has played the Sanctuary in Ridgeway and put on a

great show and they are great guys and a lot of fun," explained Pizziccola. "They're exploding up the charts and appeal to the age demographic we wanted for our first show at the Bell Tower."

The band is coming off a year in the studio creating their newest album 111 Songs. The album's title isn't figurative; the band actually recorded 111 songs in studio, each with a different sound and meaning to it.

"When we did our last album (White Paint) we did a bundle where you could get a t-shirt and a CD and if you paid an extra 10 bucks you would get a custom song about yourself. Ten bucks what a deal," Versteeg

said. "It turned out to be not quite the best deal for us though because it took us a ton of time and money to get it done. But we did and looking back on it it's a pretty fond memory."

When they came up with the idea they never expected it to turn out the way it did. Some may have tried to go back on their promise when presented with such a tall task, but not Hollerado.

"Every day we would go grab a coffee, sit in Tim Hortons and say what did we get ourselves into. Then we would head to the studio and record for the day," said Versteeg.

This isn't the first time Hollerado has come to Fort Erie, so when they heard they were chosen to be the first show at the Bell Tower they were honoured.

"It's awesome, it's honestly such an honour because last time we were there it was great. The staff and the crowd were amazing."

The venue itself is every bit as unique as the band, which spent the entire month of February in 2009 touring, playing 28 shows in 28 days.

"Buildings are not built this way anymore, that's what makes them any there," said Pizziccola. "This is a historical building in the downtown core, the spaces in the building are very unique."

Pizziccola said he hopes the Bell tower in Bridgeburg does the same thing the Sanctuary did for Ridgeway, which has been a destination for people to see "great and hugely talented musicians in a small boutique venue"

The Bell tower will hold approximately 250 people for the Hollerado show, but musical acts are just the tip of the iceberg, according to Pizziccola, they'll offer much more to the community.

"There will be an art gallery, kids summer art camps and classes. It will be an event centre and a host for concerts." In addition, residents running start up businesses or residents that run businesses out of their home could find use for the Bell Tower.

"We are also developing a co-working studio space where creative businesses and artisans will work under one roof. The idea is to make an affordable office space where there are individual studios for rent by the day, month or year and shared space for the business collective such as a conference room, meeting room, print room and lounge with kitchenette," said Pizziccola.

Tickets for Hollerado are \$17 doors will open at 8 p.m. with the show starting at 9 p.m. any businesses wishing to rent Bell Tower space should contact Jason Pizziccola at jp@jdesign.ca

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A magical message for school kids

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie native Brent Nicholls uses magic and laughter to teach an important message.

Nicholls, known to children as IncrediBrent, travels to schools across Ontario to teach youth about the negative affects of bullying.

He'll make a stop in Fort Erie on Sunday, May 24 to entertain youngsters and their families with magic tricks while empowering them and teaching them the tools to deal with bullying.

All of the proceeds from the show, which will be held at Fort Erie Secondary School at 2 p.m., will go toward the construction of a performing arts centre for the town's new high

school that is expected to open in September 2017, said fundraising volunteer Ashley Gibson.

Greater Fort Erie Secondary School will be built across the street from town hall and it will amalgamate students from both Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School.

Gibson said a committee of volunteers has set to work to organize events to fundraise the \$2 million required to build a 500-seat state-of-the-art theatre for the new school.

In February, the Town of Fort Erie and the District School Board of Niagara each agreed to pay for a portion of the new theatre build, which will cost \$3 million to construct. The rest of the funds to pay for the

project must be raised through donations.

"Brent attended both RCBHS and FESS and he was actively involved in drama," Gibson said.

"He is a Fort Erie kid who carved out his own non-traditional path so that's why we asked him if he wanted to help out."

Gibson describes Nicholls as a "home grown success story."

"He's the perfect person to help us kick off fundraising efforts for the new theatre."

To learn more about Nicholls visit www.incredibrent.com. Tickets to the show are \$15 per person.

For more information e-mail Ashley Gibson at ashleygibson@bellnet.ca.

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Fort Erie native Brent Nicholls, known as IncrediBrent, showed Grade 3 student at Stevensville Public School a magic trick in this file photo.



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Italo Canadian Club marks half-century of tradition

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Italo Canadian Club has kept the Italian tradition alive for 50 years.

The community is invited to help members of the Italo Canadian Club to mark half a century during a gala dinner and dance on Saturday, May 30.

"We're the only heritage group in the community to have a club in Fort Erie," said club member Nino D'Ambrà.

"With this celebration, we hope to keep our traditions alive in the community."

Armando Nigro, a member of the Italo Canadian Club, came to Canada in July 1961. When he arrived, he was struck by how different Canadian culture is from Italian culture.

"In Italy, everyone socialized.

There would be a large square that people would gather but when we arrived here, we didn't have that."

It took years after Nigro arrived, but with the help from friends and other members of the community, the Italo Canadian Club was built in June 1965.

"Not many people realize that members of the Italo Canadian Club have done a lot of work for the community," Nigro said.

The club hosts monthly pasta nights with proceeds going to various charities. The organization also sponsors minor sports program and community projects and is home to Garrison Little Theatre.

In the early days, the club had 70 members and that number ballooned to more than 200 members during the 1980s and 1990s.

But that number has dwindled again as the club's members have moved away or died.

Nigro said he would like to see membership climb again.

"Everyone in the community is invited," he said. "No matter what culture, everybody is welcome."

Nigro said he would like to see the club become a community centre for not just the Italian community, but for everyone.

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Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

From left, Armando Nigro, Jerry McCutcheon and Nino D'Ambrà invite the community to help celebrate the Italo Canadian Club's 50th anniversary. A gala and dinner will be held at the hall on May 30.

Who: Members of the Italo Canadian Club

What: They will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Italo Canadian Club.

When: Saturday, May 30 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Where: The Fort Erie Italo Canadian Hall, 1101 DiPietro St., Fort Erie.

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Charlene Nigh (purple coat), Linda Daku (yellow), Doris Miller, Dorie Emerson (green coat)

Stevensville church a witness to history

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Nestled in the heart of Stevensville, a small, aging church has survived many years on Ridgemount Road.

Founded in 1840, St. John's Anglican Church is worthy of recognition as a historical building in Fort Erie.

It existed before a number of important events in Canadian history including Canadian Confederation and has seen little change from the days of the horse and the buggy.

"It has survived a lot," said Charlene Nigh, a member of the church's congregation. "It remains one of the oldest original church buildings in Fort Erie."

This year mark's the church's 175th anniversary and the small congregation will host a variety of events to celebrate.

Nigh encourages the community to participate in the church's annual strawberry festival in June, a community barbecue in August, the annual fall fair and garage sale in October and a big "homecoming dinner" in November.

"(St. John's is a special place and we

want everyone in the community to celebrate with us," Nigh said.

Church member Doris Miller said St. John's will continue to serve the needs of the community for many years to come. What keeps the congregation of less than a hundred members going is "a little stubbornness and determination."

"Our church is a community. It's really the people that keep us going. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the people who continue to come every Sunday and our members who aren't always able to attend service each week but support us throughout the year."

The little church's roots begin in Niagara-on-the-Lake, with the arrival of Reverend Robert Addison in Niagara.

Addison was commissioned to come to Niagara in 1792 to serve 800 families scattered across the district of Nassau, starting at Forty Mile Creek on Lake Ontario, extending to Niagara and along the river to Fort Erie.

As there were no churches in the area during this time, Addison rode about the district, conducting services at

any location available to him. He conducted services at Old Fort Erie, at the home of John Stanton and at Kirby's Mill. Addison went on to become rector of St. Mark's Anglican Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Under new leadership, Reverend John Anderson, who eventually became the first rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, saw the need for another church to serve the needs of the Town.

One acre of land was purchased from Charles Hibbard and the building was constructed at 2251 Ridgemount Rd. near Bowen Road.

Anderson served as the church's first rector. A glass stained window, known as 'The Good Shepherd Window' was installed behind the altar to honour his memory.

In 1910, the chancel was added and the church hall, where the congregation once organized community plays, was constructed in 1957.

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SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY ON A COMMITTEE

Here is another opportunity to lend your time and talents to your community. The Town of Fort Erie is served not only by elected officials but by volunteers as well through appointment to its various boards and committees.

The Town is looking to attract people who have an interest in contributing to their community. Vacancies currently exist on the following committees:

CARE AND MAINTAIN

Fort Erie Cemetery
Advisory Committee
One (1) Vacancy



PRESERVATION/CONSERVATION

Fort Erie Environmental
Advisory Committee
Two (2) Vacancies



TEENAGERS Ages 13-21

Mayor's Youth
Advisory Committee
Nine (9) Vacancies



ZOOMERS 50+

Senior Citizens
Advisory Committee
One (1) Vacancy



These committees including the establishing by-law are on the Town's website: www.forterie.on.ca under "Government – Boards & Committees." Applications can be downloaded here "Click here for Application Form" or picked up at the Customer Service Desk at Town Hall or by sending a letter setting out relevant background information.

We look forward to receiving your application by the **deadline: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

Submissions will be accepted by the Clerk via:

1. Email: lbubanko@forterie.on.ca
2. Mail: Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6 Attention: Town Clerk
3. Hand delivery: Customer Service Desk at Town Hall
4. Fax: 905-871-4022

Cheryl Watson, Legislative Assistant, welcomes enquiries at 905-871-1600 ext. 2212 or email: cwatson@forterie.on.ca

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees. A public open ballot process is used when an election is required to select an appointee. The ballots are public documents.

Laura Bubanko, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk, Town of Fort Erie



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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT Ironwood Tree at Ridgeway Battlefield Park

TAKE NOTICE that upon recommendation of the Town's Municipal Heritage Standing Committee, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to designate the Ironwood Tree at Ridgeway Battlefield Park as a Heritage Tree, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.16, as amended as being of cultural heritage value or interest for its design, historical, and contextual value.

Description of Property – The Ironwood Tree at Ridgeway Battlefield Park as a Heritage Tree under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Under the guidelines a tree can be considered for designation if it meets one of the criteria in a significant way. There are few ironwood trees of this age, particularly standing out in the open.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

This old Ironwood Tree is one of the few of its age standing alone in the open on public lands and accessible to the residents of Fort Erie. More importantly, core testing of the tree put its age at Circa 1866 at the time of the Fenian Raids that occurred at Ridgeway Battlefield Park. It stands today as a reminder of the important battle and historical event in Fort Erie.

On June 2, 1866 Fort Erie was invaded by the Fenian Army. These Irish Civil War veterans intended to hold Upper Canada "hostage" and use this position to negotiate Ireland's freedom from Britain.

The subsequent Battle of Ridgeway and battle at the Fort Erie dock, while a tactical victory for the Fenians, ended quickly with the intervention of the United States government.

A consequence of these battles was that residents throughout Upper and Lower Canada realized that they could not rely on Britain for protection, giving support to the growing movement for Confederation. Canada became a country one year later.

The Battle of Ridgeway is the first battle of the modern Canadian Armed Forces; the first casualty of the modern forces was here in Ridgeway; and a catalyst to Confederation happened at Ridgeway Battlefield Park. Some historians call this "The Battle that made Canada – Canada."

Any person may, within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this Notice of Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie, a Notice of Objection setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Town of Fort Erie shall refer the matter to the Review Board for a hearing and report. However, any person who has served a Notice of Objection may withdraw the objection at any time before the conclusion of the hearing into the matter by serving a Notice of Withdrawal on the Clerk and the Review Board. Where no Notice of Objection is served, the Council shall consider a by-law to designate the aforesaid property on June 15, 2015.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting David Heyworth, Manager, Land Use Policy, of the Town of Fort Erie at (905) 871-1600, Ext. 2504 or by E-Mail at dheyworth@forterie.on.ca.

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 14th day of May, 2015.

Laura Bubanko, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
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TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.17(23), O.Reg. 543/06

APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE
FILE #: 350202-0091 & 350313-003
PROJECT: STEVENSVILLE SECONDARY PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 69-2015 being a By-law to adopt Amendment No.24 to the Official Plan for the Fort Erie Planning Area, on the 11th day of May, 2015 under Section 22 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision is made to the Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Niagara, 2201 St. David's Road, P.D. Box 1042, Thorold, Ontario, L2A 4T7, being the approval authority to which this official plan amendment is being submitted. Anyone requesting notification must include complete contact information.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 24 is to implement the land use recommendations of the Stevensville Secondary Plan.

WHAT THIS SECONDARY PLAN ATTEMPTS TO DO

A Secondary Plan forms part of the Official Plan and directs how a neighbourhood / community will grow over the long term relative to the location and form of future residential, commercial, core mixed use and employment development. The plan also addresses parks, the protection of natural areas and future road patterns. Changes to the designated land use on certain properties within the Plan area will result in changes to the zoning for those respective properties.

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT

Information pertaining to the proposed Official Plan Amendment application and the adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 24 is available at the Community and Development Services Department, Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive or by visiting the Town's website at: www.town.forterie.ca/pages/SecondaryPlanStevensville.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

The Town of Fort Erie had undertaken select zoning initiatives in order to reflect new or changed land use designations to effectively implement the Secondary Plan. As a result of concurrent processing, the Town of Fort Erie also passed By-law 70-2015 to amend By-law 120-90 as amended, to effectively implement the land use changes of Official Plan Amendment No. 24. The Zoning By-law will not come into force and effect until Official Plan Amendment No. 24 is in effect, which requires Niagara Region approval.

The Town has also commenced Community Improvement Planning for the downtown village core area of Stevensville with the objective of implementing financial incentive programs for lands within a Community Improvement Project Area that will be determined through the process.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2015.

LAURA BUBANKO, TOWN CLERK



TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE
FILE #: 350309-0398 & 350313-003
PROJECT: ZONING IMPLEMENTATION - STEVENSVILLE SECONDARY PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 70-2015 on the 11th day of May, 2015 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 3rd day of June, 2015, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

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An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies is outlined below. The map shows the limits of the community where some of these changes apply. Not all properties within these limits are effected by zoning changes. To find out if your property is affected, you can visit the Town's website at: www.town.forterie.ca/pages/SecondaryPlanStevensville or by contacting Community and Development Services at Town Hall. A copy of the complete By-law amendment can also be viewed at the Planning Department counter.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 70-2015 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of various lands located within the Stevensville community in order to implement the land-use recommendations of the Stevensville Secondary Plan, which were adopted by Official Plan Amendment No. 24. In addition, a new Section 26E - Core Mixed Use 5 (CMU5) Zone is being added to apply in the downtown core area. Several site specific zoning exceptions were also added to recognize previous or updated regulations for specific sites within the community. Furthermore, Schedule "A" Maps 12, 13, 15, 16 and D-1, to By-law 129-90 will be repealed and replaced to consolidate and illustrate the change areas.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2015

LAURA BUBANKO, TOWN CLERK



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2:00 P.M. local time on: **THURSDAY MAY 28, 2015**

Please note that all Town of Fort Erie's formal competitive bid opportunities are posted on the Town's Bidding Landing Page at www.biddinggo.com/forterie

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Civil Marriage Services at Town of Fort Erie

You can now exchange your wedding vows at Fort Erie Town Hall.

A simple, civil marriage ceremony can be conducted by the Town Clerk or designate at Town Hall, Monday through Friday (except statutory holidays) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you would like to book a ceremony performed outside these hours or at a different location, please contact us to discuss availability. Due to the civil nature of the service, the Clerk has no authority to perform ceremonies of a religious nature.

We can perform same day service, however, we suggest that you prearrange a date to discuss and personalize your ceremony. To make arrangements or receive information regarding requirements prior to your Civil Service please contact us at 905-871-1600 or through our website www.townoferie.ca

The fee for a Civil Service is \$300.00 and the cost of a Marriage License is \$130.00 (taxes included). All fees must be received upon booking the Civil Marriage Ceremony and can be paid with cash or debit.



150th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway

Is your organization planning on holding an event or activity to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway in 2017? This important battle was part of the Fenian Raids of 1866 and was a contributing factor to the formation of Canada in 1867.

The Town of Fort Erie's Battle of Ridgeway 150th Anniversary Coordinating Committee is comprised of representatives from groups, organizations and businesses who are planning programs and events to commemorate this anniversary. Several organizations have been working together since 2013 and as the anniversary draws near, more groups may wish to participate.

The purpose of this committee is to:

- coordinate the timing of community events to avoid duplication and overlapping
- provide an outlet for shared marketing
- provide a forum for information sharing between organizations

For further information about this Coordinating Committee and to register your organizations' events and programs please contact one of the following:

- Jane Davies, Administrator/Curator, Fort Erie Museum Services, 905-894-5322, jdavies@forterie.on.ca
- Russ Wilson, Manager, Community Gaming Development Corporation, 905-871-1600, rwilson@forterie.on.ca

Fort Erie Public Library

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Maryanne Firth Postmedia Network

Work is underway to complete a 10-classroom, \$5-million addition to Lakeshore Catholic High School.

Lakeshore Catholic expansion taking shape

Maryanne Firth
Postmedia Network

Lakeshore Catholic High School's new look is beginning to take shape. The Port Colborne secondary school is in the midst of a \$5-million, 10-classroom expansion that is scheduled for completion by September.

Construction of the addition, funded by the provincial government, will eliminate the need for portables at the Janet St. facility and will see the remodeling of the existing science and music rooms. "It's exciting to see

the physical layout coming together," said principal Glenn Gifford, who has been keeping a close eye on the project since it began last summer.

"The roof's on, the stairs are in. We're going to start to see windows and doors soon," Gifford said.

Work will then move forward quickly to install flooring and lockers, and to paint.

Winter weather earlier this year did cause a bit of a setback, with crews unable to continue work in February due to daily below-freezing temperatures.

"That put us behind,"

Gifford said, but the contractor has been pulling long hours and has been able to get the project back on schedule.

"Otherwise, it has been a pretty smooth process."

The areas under construction have been cordoned off to ensure no disruption to students, Gifford said.

"They see all this work being done outside, but in September they'll be able to walk into their new school," he said.

"That's the exciting part. We're excited to get in there."

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: FILIP SZABLUK
OWNER: FILIP SZABLUK

FILE # 350309-0388

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 71-2015 on the 11th day of May, 2015 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 3rd day of June, 2015, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

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An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law No. 71-2015 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Residential 1 (R1)" Zone to "Residential 2A (R2A-524) Zone". All of the provisions of By-law No. 129-90 as amended related to lands zoned "Residential 2A (R2A) Zone", shall apply to those lands zoned "Residential 2A (R2A-524)" except for the following:

- The minimum lot frontage shall be not less than 10.67 metres

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 14 DAY OF MAY, 2015
LAURA BUBANKO, TOWN CLERK



NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: UPPER CANADA CONSULTANTS
OWNER: 414191 Ontario Ltd. (Warena Homes)

FILE # 350309-0383

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 72-2015 on the 11th day of May, 2015 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 3rd day of June, 2015, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law No. 72-2015 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Neighbourhood Development (ND)" Zone to "Residential 2 (R2-525H) Zone", "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-526H) Zone" and "Open Space (OS-527) Zone".

All of the provisions of By-law No. 129-90 as amended related to lands zoned "Residential 2 (R2) Zone", shall apply to those lands zoned "Residential 2 (R2-525H) Zone" except for the following:

- Minimum lot area - 460 square metres
- Maximum lot coverage - 50%
- Minimum front yard - 6 metres to the front of the garage and 4.5 metres to the front face of the dwelling unit
- Minimum interior side yard - 1.2 metres for anything above a one-storey dwelling
- Minimum rear yard - 7.5 metres, and
- Maximum building height - 10.5 metres

All of the provisions of By-law No. 129-90 as amended related to lands zoned "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1) Zone", shall apply to those lands zoned "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-526H) Zone" except for the following:

- Minimum front yard - 6 metres to the front of the garage and 4.5 metres to the front face of the dwelling unit
- Minimum interior side yard - 1.2 metres
- Minimum exterior side yard - 3.0 metres, and
- Maximum lot coverage - 55%

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Cleanup crew scaling back its efforts

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The cleanup crew charged with the task of cleaning up a chemical spill in Fort Erie is scaling back its efforts.

"The Region staff as well as the contractors have done a fantastic job and I am extremely satisfied," said Ron Tripp, the Region's commissioner of public works.

"The Region has been working on cleaning the road side ditches and we've achieved a clean condition."

Helena Street between Garrison Road and Albany Street has been closed since March 9 when the Ministry of the Environment was alerted to a chemical spill that occurred at 833 Helena St.

The spilled materials have been identified as acetone, toluene and xylene, a solvent-type substance found in paints or adhesives.

The Niagara Region has been working with the ministry and an environmental cleanup company to clean the spill.

"As to how we go forward with recovery of those costs (associated with the cleanup) and dealing with the site, which is still contaminated, is yet to be seen as positive or affective.

The Region's public works committee issued a report in March that stated the cleanup had cost nearly \$1 million with the operation having a daily expense of \$45,000.

Tripp said that number has varied as the cleanup operation has been scaled back. When it is confirmed, Tripp said the total cost of the cleanup would be made public.

During an open house hosted by the Town of Fort Erie in April, Tripp said the Region

is "a victim of this spill" because some of the chemicals migrated to ditches along the Regional road and property.

According to a director's order issued by the ministry, contaminants from a chemical spill have reached Lake Erie waters.

The order issued by the ministry states that, on March 10, ministry officers and Niagara Region staff confirmed through observation "the contaminants discharged from the site (had) drained downstream into a local water course referred to as the Kraft Drain and along that drain to Lake Erie."

Paul Widmeyer, the ministry's Niagara district officer, said the Niagara Region responded to the spill by increasing sampling of the water treated by the Rosehill Water Treatment Plant, which takes its water from the lake.

The Region has been sampling water "in their road side ditch and at the intake of the Rosehill Drinking Water Plant since the spill was discovered. In addition, a ministry officer has sampled local drinking water wells." "They (the Region) found no impacts to the local drinking water supply," Widmeyer said. "Our review of the Region's sample results has also found no impact to the local drinking water supply."

Widmeyer said the order, which was issued to ten parties associated with the site of the spill, including Cavern Petrochemical Co. Ltd., 1350995 Ontario Limited and DZ Bernicke Niagara Limited, has 11 directions that must be completed. One direction requires those parties named in the order to provide documents to the ministry describing how much contaminated material

has been removed from the area and the site.

He could not say how much contaminated material has been removed from the site and surrounding area.

"The order has been appealed by a number of the named parties. That matter is currently before the Environmental Review Tribunal."

Widmeyer said the Environmental Protection Act requires the polluter to pay for the clean up and it allows anyone who has or had control of a property "in circumstances like these to do work to clean-up a spill."

Bill Powell, a technician for Tech Services Niagara, said clean up efforts was "killing business" Helena Street.

"But the last few weeks it has been okay. Business seems to be getting back to normal," said Bill Powell, a technician for Tech Services Niagara.

"The first five weeks after the spill, it was really bad. I had about one to two walk-ins a day. I normally have about 10 to 20 people who walk into the store."

Following reports in the media about the chemical spill, which occurred at 833 Helena St. in Fort Erie, Powell said staff from Niagara Region placed a sign in at Garrison Road and Helena Street alerting residents that businesses are still open.

"I'm not all concerned by it (the spill)," Powell said. "I live right through the street in front of the spill. I didn't smell anything and I didn't see anyone (the cleanup crew) wearing masks."

"I think at first people were afraid because they didn't know what had been spilled but I think as time has gone on, people have kind of forgotten about it. I'm not an expert but I think they are almost finished."



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Helena Street between Garrison Road and Albany Street has been closed since March 9

There are a lot less trucks now and there are only a few people there cleaning it up still."

"On the basis of the information we've been given, they (the Region) have contained the spill effectively," Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said. "They (ministry officials) want to make sure they have managed the site well before they open that road," Redekop said.

"We were told early on that it could be closed for as much as

two months or longer. In my view, they (the region has been) responsible in doing the job."

Redekop said town staff is in the midst of a discussion about what the Town can do to ensure that a similar situation doesn't occur.

"Right now, we are talking to determine what level of service we can provide in terms of enforcement of our bylaws and safety."

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Council nits the brakes on bus plan

Rob Houle
Postmedia Network

A Region committee's decision to not take a necessary step toward an inter-municipal transit system is a disappointment to one of its biggest backers.

Former regional councillor Debbie Zimmerman called it a "historic moment" when Niagara Region's public works committee voted in September to remove the words "pilot project" from an inter-municipal system and to build toward a permanent one.

For the Region to start up such a system requires a so-called triple majority -- a majority of those on the council, and a majority of local councils (seven of 12) that represent a majority of eligible voters.

On Thursday, the Region's committee of the whole put the brakes on staff working toward getting that triple majority, with a motion by Port Colborne regional Coun. David Barkirk.

His plan puts the initiative on hold in favour of asking the municipalities of Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls and their transit commissions to work together on a new model of serving other municipalities.

"Disappointing, holy Hannah!" Zimmerman said Monday afternoon.

"The fundamental debate there has been we've been engaging people to support getting GO Transit (trains), but how do we do that when we don't have a seamless system?"

The Region has been funding inter-municipal transit under a pilot project started in 2011. In it, grants are provided to Niagara's three main transit operators -- St. Catharines Transit, Niagara Falls Transit, Welland Transit -- to provide the service.

The pilot was to last three years, but was extended to September.

A report to council Thursday showed a mapped out strategy was prepared to undertake to get the triple majority.

The strategy included two presentations to each of Niagara's 12 municipalities. The first would give an overview of inter-municipal

transit and get feedback on what a bylaw creating the scheme should include. The second meeting would be to present the bylaw developed with their input and to ask for support.

But approval of Barrick's motion put that on hold.

geography and not enough demography and until it all comes together, that's in the future. But until that time, I think it's a natural way.

"We're not talking about eliminating regional

service"; we're just saying it's a different approach -- the communities that want it can pay."

Diodati said the triple majority is "never going to happen. So that's just a waste of time and waste of

energy."

While hopeful Barrick's motion will be rejected at next week's regional council meeting, Zimmerman said a single-fare system is integral to moving people around Niagara.

"To abandon a single-fare box is just silly, at this stage," she said. "A single fare-box is what makes it easy for people to travel through the region."

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The fundamental debate here has been engaging people to support getting GO Transit (trains), but how do we do that when we don't have a seamless system?

— Debbie Zimmerman,
former Niagara regional chair

He and Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said they favoured the connectivity models currently in place with certain municipalities -- Port Colborne pays Welland Transit to run a bus to Port, while Fort Erie is connected to Niagara Falls by that town's transit system and Thorold is serviced under an agreement with St. Catharines Transit.

Diodati said he and the mayors of Welland and St. Catharines and their transit commissions have had ongoing, informal discussions for years about providing service to outlying municipalities.

"The idea we had discussed was rather than forcing transit and forcing (municipalities) to pay for a service that maybe they don't want or can't afford, that we would do it as a service that you pay for," Diodati said, using Grimsby as an example that could be serviced by St. Catharines Transit.

He said that model can be employed as "the system grows and matures into a full system."

"Eventually" one day this will become one great big system. It's a big



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Gabrielle Todd is Vice-Chair of Communities in Bloom



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Hard work and training pays off

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When Ridgeway's Christian Zelenco enters the ring, she is determined to win.

"I never expect to win a match but I do everything in my power to win," said the Sir Winston Churchill Secondary student.

Zelenco, who formerly fought as Christian Pereira, recently won a gold medal at the 2015 WAKO Canadian National Championships title in the under 52 kg division. The event was held in Burlington at the end of April.

"I've been training intensely for the last few months," Zelenco said. The youth said she didn't perform well in the first round against her opponent during the national kickboxing championship.

"My opponent was aggressive and she pushed against me. I'm usually aggressive but my first round wasn't good," Zelenco said.

Taking her coach's advice, Zelenco "threw punches and kicks to get her opponent off balance."

"When I saw my opportunity to win, I took advantage of it. My opponent had used all of her power in the first round and she was tired."

The victory, Zelenco said, is a sign of all her hard work and training.

After school each day, Zelenco rides the bus to Muay Thai Niagara in St. Catharines. She trains five days a week, which means there isn't a lot of time for friends.

She also helps teach a kickboxing class to younger children.

"It's kind of like a full-time job (on top of school) except it's not a full-time job because I love it."

Zelenco attended



Christian Zelenco won a gold medal at the 2015 WAKO Canadian National Championships title in the under 52 kg division

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Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School for one semester before she transferred to Sir Winston Churchill so she could train in St. Catharines.

"At first it was hard because I didn't know anyone but I love it

here." Zelenco is making a name for herself in the kickboxing world.

Last year, Zelenco won a gold medal at the Canadian kickboxing championships. She went on to earn a spot on Team Canada and

won a bronze medal at the World Kickboxing Championship held in Rimini, Italy in 2014.

According to Zelenco, winning a match isn't everything.

"It's never about what title or match I win. My focus is on how to

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Zelenco is currently training to compete in the North American tournament held in Toronto in conjunction with the Toronto PRO Supershow from June 4 to 6.

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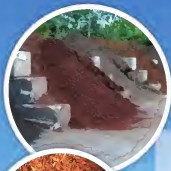
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Fort Erie firefighters rescued a man who was trapped inside of the holding tank of the transport truck he was driving on Wednesday, May 6.

Firefighters rescue man from inside transport truck

A truck driver was uninjured after he was rescued from inside the holding tank of the transport truck he was driving Wednesday morning. Const. Phil Gavin, a spokesman for Niagara Regional Police, said police

responded to a call of a man trapped inside a transport truck holding tank at the Flying J Truck Stop in Fort Erie at 10:25 a.m.

"We [police] were on scene at 10:42 a.m. and cleared the scene at 10:47

a.m. so we weren't there very long," Gavin said. "When we arrived, fire and ambulance were already on scene."

Gavin said the truck driver called his dispatch centre from inside the holding tank. The dispatch centre called

staff at the Flying J Truck stop and asked them to dial 9-1-1.

"We've never experienced anything like this before," Fort Erie fire Chief Larry Coplen said about the rescue.

He said the truck driver climbed inside and the

hatch closed on his own.

"The crew just went and lowered a ladder and it was over within a few minutes. It wasn't a big deal."

Coplen, who said he wasn't on scene, was unsure of what the driver was doing inside

the holding tank of the truck.

"I don't know why he was in there but it doesn't sound like there was anything hazardous inside of it."

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Council hits the brakes on bus plan

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Niagara Falls regional Coun. Bart Maves and Andy Petrowski of St. Catharines called the pilot program a failed experiment.

In response to a question from Petrowski, transportation systems and planning manager Kumar Ranjan said regional transit system buses have had an average ridership of four people on 32-seat buses, excluding post-secondary students.

Zimmerman remains convinced ridership would

increase with a unified system.

"It's proven a link works," she said.

"The growth in that link, that hub, it needs the spokes and the spokes aren't feeding into the hub. And that's the big problem. We don't have that consistency of fare box from one municipality to the other."

St. Catharines regional Coun. Bruce Timms said he was against the motion because it was unexpected.

"The motion [is] contrary to the intention of the meeting," he said. "Very often, I

complain that we have a meeting to receive a report and a drastic action is pushed our way.

"This time, maybe it's an appropriate motion for three weeks from now so the entire council is aware that that's the question on the floor."

"I have supported this regional transit all the way through, from the point of view of economic development, for the key to getting to work, for the low-income being able to get to city to city, from job to job. Also because I believe it is important to the argument for

GO mill to Niagara."

Earlier, in response to a question from Niagara Falls regional Coun. Selina Volpanti, Chair Alan Caslin and public works commissioner Ron Tripp said no one at the province has stipulated an inter-municipal transit system is necessary to get regular GO train service to Niagara.

Tripp noted, however, a regional transit system is included in the Region's GO train business case to the province.

"How can you go to the government and ask for that

as part of your business case, and then go the next week and pass a motion to say, 'we're not even going to pursue getting a triple majority?'" Zimmerman said.

In the end, Caslin broke a tie among councillors and Barrick's motion passed.

It must now go to regional council for final approval.

Staff would still be able to approach municipal councils, but would only speak of the history and background of the pilot program.

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How they voted

In favour of Barrick's motion: Diodati, Gale, Maves, Volpanti, Maloney, Barrick, Edgar, Holt, Petrowski, MacGregor, Jeffs, Camplin, Caslin.

Opposed: Annuziata, Bentley, Quirk, Easton, Hodgson, Burroughs, Timms, Luciani, D'Angelis, Grenier, Marshall, Joyner.

Absent: Rodickop, Darla, Rigby, Augustyn, Basy, Szentik.



Special to The Times

Shannon 'Sugar' Doyle assumes the role of track announcer at Fort Erie Race Track

Sweet sounds coming to track

Shannon 'Sugar' Doyle is set to become the new voice of the Fort Erie Race Track.

"I've got a place for the summer and I am looking forward to experiencing a Fort Erie summer," Doyle said.

With the 2015 season opener at the 118-year-old racetrack drawing closer, staff at the track announced Thursday Doyle would assume the role of track announcer.

Doyle, a regular caller at London's Western Fair, will take the role over from Mike Dimoff, who called races from 2011 to 2014.

Doyle said his interest in racing was sparked as a youngster when he visited a racetrack for the first time.

"My mother took me to the racetrack in Summerside, P.E.I. when I was 10 years-old. I was hooked on

horse racing from that point on."

Doyle began his career calling standardbred races in Prince Edward Island before he was offered the position as announcer at Northlands Park in Edmonton in 2006.

Shannon called both the standardbreds and Thoroughbreds including several Canadian Derbys during his tenure in western Canada.

Last year, Doyle accepted the position of track announcer at Western Fair.

Doyle is passionate about his job and he is looking forward to learning more about Fort Erie's historic track.

"I'm definitely looking forward to their signature racing event, the Prince of Wales Stakes. It's a very big deal and there is a lot of historic thoroughbreds that

have raced at that track," Doyle said.

"I love what I do. It's very exciting. Anytime I come into work, I pull into the parking lot and I get excited every time."

In addition to his race-track caller duties, Doyle will host the popular Breakfast Clubs held every Sunday from Aug. 2 to Sept. 6.

Shannon will complete

the live season at Western Fair on May 29 before heading to Fort Erie and will resume his position at Western Fair once the Fort Erie season concludes.

"I am really excited to get to Fort Erie and start calling thoroughbreds again," said Doyle.

Live racing at the Fort Erie Race Track begins Tuesday, June 2n at 4:15pm.

Fort Erie residents jailed in Australia

Two Fort Erie residents arrested in Australia in connection with what authorities called one of the largest methamphetamine busts in the continent's history have been sentenced.

Catherine McNaughton, 31, was sentenced to four years and nine months behind bars for one count of attempting to traffic and James Kelsey, 28, received an eight-year jail term for three counts of attempting to traffic.

The two Niagara residents were arrested in the fall of 2013 in connection with the trafficking of 650 kilograms of ephedrine hidden in vanilla powder jars.

Ephedrine is a chemical used to manufacture methamphetamine.

"Drug crime traffickers seek to profit from the production and distribution of illicit drugs," said David Adseti, deputy director of the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

"Law enforcement agencies are increasingly intercepting these criminal activities and the sentences imposed in this case clearly demonstrates the seriousness. When you are convicted of such crimes, be aware that you'll face the prospect of very lengthy terms of imprisonment."

Also sentenced was Edmond Proko, 48, who received a 14-year jail term for trafficking and attempting to traffic a commercial quantity of ephedrine.

All three will be deported back to Canada after serving their sentences.



Patricia Herzer Special to The Times

Ballet exams

Students from the Peacock School of Dance just received the results of their recent ballet exams. Thirty-six students were examined by Deborah Bowes of the National Ballet School of Canada. The students have been training under the Cecchetti method which is a standardized syllabi taught throughout the world. The marks reflected the students' hard work with nine highly commended, 13 commended, 11 pass plus and three passes. From left, are dance students (front) Hannah Pontello, Victoria Kurooni, Gracie Kohinski, (back) Caitlin Brooks, Makenna Russell, Jackeline Flores-Alvarenga and Katie Greenwood

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Bouquet from a mom
A bouquet to my children who helped to make Mother's Day such a special day. I've been so lucky to have been blessed with two beautiful children who continue to make me proud year after year. I love you both very much. Thank you for making me feel so special on mother's day.

Brick for a dog owner
A brick for the woman who lets her dogs out and allows them to bark at 7 a.m. every morning and 11:30pm every night. Please have some consideration for your neighbours and bring the dogs back in quickly after they relieve themselves.

Brick for spectator
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okay to shame the dog owner by taking a picture of the poor, suffering dog and posting it on a social media site. Did you not think that you should call the SPCA? I will never understand

how some people say it is so horrible to see a dog trapped inside of a car on a hot day but than can't be bothered to do anything about it. Shame on you. Posting a picture won't solve the problem! And a brick for all the people who think it's okay to leave their pets inside a car while they shop.

Bouquet for a grandpa
A bouquet for my grandpa who made me a really awesome art creation that I will display in my home for many years to come. I will cherish it always.

Bouquet for a brother
A bouquet for my brother who promised to help me and the husband paint our house. We really appreciate the help!

Brick to Cheapsack
A brick for a person that always wants a cheaper price. It's okay to haggle with a business owner but always refusing to pay less is highway robbery.

Bouquet for spring
A bouquet for Spring, it looks like it's finally here and it couldn't have come at a better time. There's nothing quite like barbecues, family, friends and a good old fashioned family camp fire to warm your heart

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Rio Vista Retirees

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Special to The Times

Last Wednesday morning was another successful outing for the Rio Vista Retirees.

It was a good turnout of 49 members to play the game they love, golf.

The membership is getting bigger lately and more than 63 signed up last Wednesday another eight members were introduced. The event last week was a regular individual format with the short #6 and closest to the pin on #7.

In first place was the team of Art Cloer, Cliff Wilson, Ed Laycock and Harry Bisser with a 36.8.

The second place tie went to Tom Hales, Bob McKellar, Norm Obrien and Walde Robley with a 37 and third place for Dick Verboek, John Marshall, Day Hannah and Chris Bukator with a 38.

Al Plato won the money for closest to the pin on #7. It was another scramble event on Wednesday, a format which is going to be used every other week.

Remember guys in golf, it is not wise to claim bragging rights for a nice score.

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Serving others

Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Forty volunteers, who included Mayor Wayne Redekop and other local celebrities, each volunteered an hour of their time during McHappy Day at McDonald's on Garrison Road in Fort Erie on Wednesday. Volunteers served food and collected donations in an effort to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara. From left, volunteers John Maurice and Peter Clinton collected donations from restaurant guests.

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Fort Erie Arts Council gears up for sale

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Art lovers who love a good mystery won't want to miss this sale.

The Fort Erie Arts Council is preparing for its 4th annual Mystery Art Sale on Saturday, June 6.

"It's a major fundraiser for the arts council," MacKay said. The funds raised from the sale will benefit the Fort Erie Arts Council, which is a group

that encourages the arts in the community.

Each original artwork will be sold for \$40 or two for \$60. MacKay said the artist of each piece will be revealed after the sale.

MacKay said the Fort Erie Council is looking for artists who are interested in contributing their art to the sale.

"We are still looking for artists to donate their work. But in

order to be part of the sale, they must be members of the Fort Erie Arts Council," MacKay said.

Submissions will be accepted until May 30.

The art sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. in downtown Ridgeway, said organizer Phyllis McKay.

The sale will be held in conjunction with Art By the Market and the Ridgeway Farmers

Market.

In the morning, MacKay said the sale will be outdoors near and then it will move indoors to Trailside Bar and Grill beside the municipal parking lot.

To learn more about the Fort Erie Arts Council and how to become a member contact McKay by e-mail at artbyphyl@gmail.com.

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Who: The Fort Erie Arts Council
What: Host the Mystery Art Sale
When: Saturday, June 6 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Where: The sale will be held at Art By the Market in downtown Ridgeway from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The sale will move inside to Trailside Bar and Grill until 5 p.m.

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Sharing a story with generations to come

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

stitch in a quilt tells a story. "Almost every family has a quilt that tells a story," said Amy Roebuck,

Every square and every

community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

"For some families, that story is recent and for others, that story is old."

Roebuck knows just how important a quilt can be and how it can share a story with generations to come.

"My son is a transportation nut and when he was little everyone in my family chose to make a square that would become part of a quilt for him."

One relative made a patch with sailboat on it while another made a patch with a wagon and before Roebuck knew it, her entire family helped to create a quilt for her son.

"I had pieces of the quilt come from family across the U.S. and even our new neighbour in Canada make a patch." Roebuck is encouraging anyone with an interest in quilts to attend Quilts: The Stories They Tell.

The full day event is a joint partnership with the Bertie Historical Society, The Bowen Road Women's Institute, the Fort Erie Public Library and the Fort Erie Historical Museum. The event will feature a workshop led by Nina Stahlschmidt from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stahlschmidt will teach participants to make a small wall hanging using printed feed-bag fabric. The printed feed-bag fabric will feature an original drawing of Bertie



Sarah Ferguson

Amy Roebuck, left of the Fort Erie Public Library, and the women of the Bowen Road Women's Institute, Bertie Historical Society and Fort Erie Historical Museum encourage quilters to feature their quilt in an upcoming show in September.

Town Hall. The cost is \$15 per person.

The event will also include a quilt show from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will highlight quilts that tell stories from the Fort Erie community.

Stahlschmidt will also host a lecture called The Story of Canadian Feedbags. Stahlschmidt uses feed-bag fabric for his quilts and her presentation will include some of the quilts she created.

Andrea Wilson, curator of the Fort Erie Historical Museum, encourages

members of the community who have quilts with great stories to contact her. Organizers of the event are looking for quilts to be put on display during the quilt show.

For more information e-mail Roebuck at ARoebuck@fpl.ca or e-mail Wilson at andrea.wilson@forterie.on.ca.

The event is a joint partnership with the Fort Erie Public Library, the Fort Erie Historical Museum, the Bertie Historical Society and the Bowen Road Women's Institute. Members

of the community are encouraged to share the stories behind their quilts and display them during a quilt show.

For more information call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 and ask for Andrea Wilson.

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What: Will host a workshop and lecture during the event
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When: Wednesday, Sept. 16
Where: Stevensville Memorial Hall

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MAY 18

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MAY 21

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KNITTING FOR KIDS

Ladies of the Bowen Road Women's Institute share their expertise and heritage in this free public program. They encourage all young people who would like to learn knitting to visit the Crystal Ridge branch of the library on Thursday evenings at 6:30. They will provide all the needles and yarn needed—you bring your curiosity. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge Branch. 6:30 p.m.

MAY 23

THERAPY TAILS: TELL TALES

Come and read to the Therapy Tails dog! Does your child need a bit of extra reading help? Is your child fearful of dogs? This program is perfect for you. Research shows that kids of all ages benefit from reading out loud, and the Therapy Tails dogs are the best listeners. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 2 p.m.

MAY 25

LEGO AND LOOM

Calling All Makers! Whether it's the Rain-

bow Loom or Lego (or both) that inspires you, we've got what you need to make it if you have your own loom, please bring it along. Registration not required. \$2. All ages. Younger ages may need parent assistance with the Rainbow Loom. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Stories for two and three
Children are learning language and other important skills from the time they are infants. Developing these early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin school. Join us for reading, writing, talking, singing and playing - the five fundamental skills that get children Ready to Read! For children ages 1.5 and up. Pre-registration not required. Fort Erie Public Library Stevensville branch. 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

MAY 26

HARRY POTTER CLUB

Herbology class is in session! It's time to plant our magical greens and see what comes up. Set for grades 4 and up, no registration needed. 32. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MAY 26

TEEN LOUNGE

Music, food, friends, videogames and chat—what more could a teen afternoon hold? Free. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MAY 30

FRIENDS' BBQ AT SOBYES

Friends of the library will be holding a fundraising barbecue on Saturday, May 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Erie Sobyes, 460 Garrison Road, Fort Erie. Join us for hot dogs and hamburgers, and help support your local library.

JUNE 2

FAMILY TIME

Join us for an interactive and fun story adventure, presented in partnership with the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre. Stories, songs and rhymes, play activities and playtime for all ages - babies on up. Free. Drop-in. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

JUNE 4

HEART HEALTHY

Shopping and label reading. Learn how to read and understand food labels to help you make wise choices about the foods you eat. Fort Erie YMCA, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie at 905-871-7821 for more information.

ONGOING

DIABETES HOT TOPICS

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. Thursday, May 14, 3-4 p.m. Diabetes and Activity. Thursday, June 4, 3-4 p.m., Diabetes Jeopardy. The workshop will be held at Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road. For more information call Bridges at 905-871-7821.

GROCERY STORE TOURS

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HEALTHY YOU

A monthly support group led by a registered dietitian for individuals who have taken the Healthy You program. Participants will build skills related to nutrition, healthy lifestyle strategies and ways to problem solve in challenging situations.

May 25 and June 29 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road. For more information call Bridges at 905-871-7821.

LET'S GET COOKING

Learn basic skills to prepare quick and tasty, low cost meals. No cooking experience necessary. Tuesday, May 26, Thursday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. Location to be decided. Call Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie at 905-871-7821 for more information.

NORDIC POLE WALKING

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PARENT NETWORKING GROUP

A monthly support group for caregivers of children, youth or adults with autism, a developmental disability, or mental health issues. The last Wednesday of every month, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory School. To register, call Mary Anne at 905-871-7821 ext. 2246.

KEEPING DIABETES AWAY

Nutrition and lifestyle management strategies to help delay or prevent diabetes. Wednesday, May 27, June 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. For more information call 905-871-7821.

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Marcel Dionne lets loose on a variety of topics

Bill Potrecz
Postmedia Network

Marcel Dionne feels kids are playing too much hockey.

The hall-of-famer dropped by for an edition of Ludzy's Lounge web cast Monday and covered a

wide variety of topics while chatting with hosts Michael Cressman and Steve Ludzik.

"When I played, when I grew up, I played one game a week," Dionne said. "No practice. 12 games a season. Two rounds of playoffs, house

league. It was outdoor skating, but no organized hockey.

"I tell everybody, do you ever go fishing? There's too much. Ride your bike. It's hand and eye coordination. Do other things. We are losing more kids by the age of 15. The brain needs a break. Go fishing with your grandpa. Go talk. There are other things about playing the game. Socially, it's a different life too. They're here, they're there. I used to walk to the arena."

Dionne, who made a name for himself as an NHL star with the Detroit Red Wings, Los Angeles Kings and New York Rangers, carved out a memorable career that still has him at No. 4 on the list of all-time goal scorers.

"This is a huge business," said Dionne, who spent three seasons with the St. Catharines Blackhawks,



Marcel Dionne, NHL Hall of Famer, on the set of Ludzy's Lounge.

Mike DiBattista/Postmedia Network

before graduation to the NHL. 'Hockey is great and great sport. There is so much money to be made. Some of these kids are

recruited by agents when they are 12 years old. Give me a break!

Dionne, who makes his home in Niagara Falls where he runs a sports memorabilia business and a restaurant, the Blue Line Diner, also can't get over the exorbitant costs of playing minor hockey.

"The cost of the sticks and the equipment it's a joke. I think Gary Bettman — I know Gary — should come down and when I talk to those people, these are your customers so why do you have to pay \$150 for a stick, up to \$300! I take my Sherwoods, it's a Hall of Fame stick, I scored 731 goals with a wooden stick. It cost \$15. You're going to tell me your stick is better than

my stick?'

Ludzik, a former star with the Niagara Falls Flyers who went on to play and coach in the NHL, would also like to see kids participate in different sports other than hockey.

"When were kids we played lacrosse and you learned to how to wheel and deal off it if guys hit you in the back and you used that for hockey," he said. Ralph Mellanby, the former executive producer of Hockey Night in Canada, is slated to be on next week's show.

The full show featuring Dionne can be seen at: <http://www.scatbarines-standard.ca/2015/05/11/ludzy-s-lounge>.

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Early learning

To coincide with Catholic Education Week, staff at Peace Bridge Public School opened the doors to welcome future kindergarten students last Thursday. Four-year-old Alyssa Waugh got a taste of what school will be like when she begins kindergarten in September.





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Fatima leader laid to rest

Alison Langley
Post Media Network

A funeral service for Rev. Nicholas Gruner, head of the Fatima Center in Fort Erie, was held Saturday at the Scotiabank Convention Centre.

Gruner, who spent 38 years in the priesthood, died Wednesday at the age of 73.

"Father was a kind-hearted person with a warm laugh, who will be greatly missed by his family, the staff of the Fatima Center, and the countless

souls all over the world whom he touched and whose faith he helped deepen," a message posted on the Fatima Network website reads.

Born in Montreal, he was a graduate of McGill University with post-graduate degrees in theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

He launched the magazine Fatima Crusader, dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, in 1978.

In 1984, he moved his ministry to Fort Erie and

shared his message through books, conference, rosary rallies, television programs, websites and the distribution of millions of rosaries and scapulars.

He had hosted a daily radio program Heaven's Peace Plan since 1987.

In 1989, he brought the Fatima Message to television with Fatima: The Moment has Come, a weekly television series that is broadcast in more than 200 cities across Canada and the U.S.

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St. Joseph School Special to The Times

Food drive

During Catholic Education Week across Niagara schools were given food bags to collect food for people in need. Between families in the school and the surrounding community, people were generous in their giving to St. Joseph School's food drive. The food will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. George Food Bank. From left, Aeden Makoney, Sophia Vacca, Isabella Vacca, and Alexander Xu show the bags of food collected by students in the Early Learning Kindergarten program.

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Mom to donate kidney to another boy after son's death

Cherry Clock
Postmedia Network

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. -- It was supposed to be a gift of life for her child: Her left kidney. A perfect match and a chance for her 18-year-old son to get off the leash of dialysis and have the healthy life he deserved.

But it wasn't to be.

Three days before the transplant, David MacKinnon had a stroke. He died June 8, 2011, on what was to be the day his mother, Michelle, would have given him a kidney.

And in that moment, under the weight of a mother's grief, Michelle turned to David's doctor and made a promise: "You find me a person who deserves this kidney as much as David did, and I'll donate it."

She was expected to fulfill her promise Wednesday.

In an operation at the Toronto General Hospital, Michelle, 46, will give that left kidney to a young boy. A boy she does not know, whom she has met only twice, but whose mother made an emotional plea on Facebook that ended up at the top of Michelle's news feed in March.

The boy's parents can't donate a kidney to their son, and they were running out of options.

She sent a note to the mother on how she had already gone through the array of tests for her son and that maybe, she would be a match for the young boy.

Turns out, she was.

Michelle's kidney will be removed during a three-hour-plus surgery, then transported to another hospital where the boy will be ready and waiting.

"David deserved to have a good life," says Michelle. "And I honestly believe that my kidney would have worked for a long time."

"Maybe that's a mother's instinct or wishful thinking. But that didn't happen. It was cut short unexpectedly."

"So this isn't for me, and it's not David that I'm helping now, but I'm finishing what I started with David. For another family."

David had been sick all his life. Doctors could not give it a name, but in simple terms there were tiny holes throughout David's body.

In June 2010, when David was

17 years old, he was in renal failure. His parents, Michelle and Dave of Niagara Falls, were told he needed dialysis to take over what his kidneys could no longer do and purify his blood, but that ultimately his best chance for survival was a kidney transplant.

He started dialysis in his home, tethered to a machine every day for 12 hours. A year later, he needed dialysis at the St. Catharines, Ont., hospital, four days a week.

"I took everything away from him," says Dave. "I wish I could have switched spots with him."

Their hope converged on a transplant.

But David's surgery was cancelled and postponed two times for various reasons, and he died before the third attempt.

St. Catharines nephrologist Dr. Danny Lagrotteria cared for David in his final year of life. He is also a director on the David Gregory Foundation, an organization founded by Dave and Michelle to honour their son's memory and raise money and awareness for kidney disease.

"She never really felt like that kidney was hers," he says. "That if it couldn't go to her son, then she needed, not just wanted, it to benefit another person, another family, another community."

Now just days before the surgery, she is at peace. There are risks to any surgery.

She knows, too, there is always a chance the boy's body will reject her kidney.

She tries not to dwell on what is beyond her control.

"No matter what happens, I've done what I can do," she says. "I'd like to think David is looking out for me."

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KIDNEY DONATION FACTS

Number of people waiting for a kidney in Ontario: 1,163

Number of kidney donations in Ontario in 2013: 307 (deceased donors) and 209 (living donors).

Source: Trillium Gift of Life Network



David and Michelle MacKinnon.

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CLARK, Brian Gerald - It is with deep sadness that we, the family of Brian Gerald Clark announce his passing on May 7, 2015 in his 49th year. Brian was an amazing man who had a big smile and an even bigger heart. Brian sadly leaves behind his best friend and soulmate, Candy Clark and his daughters Taylor and Abbea Clark. The cherished son of Sharon McCabe and Gerald (Donna) Clark. He will always be in the heart of many family and friends, especially sister Pam Clark (Travis), mother and father in law Georgina and Willy Mark and sister in law Jacca (Greg) Vampire. Proud uncle to Christopher and Shawn Passano, Gavin and Presley Vampire. Predeceased by step father Michael McCabe, Grandma and Grandpa Danner and Grandma and Grandpa Clark. Brian's dream was to reside in the north with his family because of his love of the outdoors. His dream has been fulfilled. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Berner Ave Fort Erie, Ontario entrusted with arrangements. The family was present On Monday, May 11th, 2015 from 3-5pm and 7-9pm. Service was on Tuesday, May 12th, at 11am in the Benner Chapel. One thing Brian always wanted was a successful life for his children, which included a good education. In recognition of his wish we ask that you make a donation to his children's education fund.

SIMON, Albert C. (Si) - On May 5th, 2015 in his 96th year, Albert Simon peacefully departed us. Survived by his sister Ruth, sons, John, Roger and Steve (Cathy), Grandsons Steven and Corey, Granddaughter Jennifer and Great Granddaughter Evelyn along with numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his loving wife Evelyn in 2004. Albert lived a rich rewarding life. He served in the Ontario Theatre during World War 2 from 1939 till 1945. Si was a proud veteran and member of the Fort Erie Legion Branch 71 for over 70 years. He retired from Canada Customs after a 32 year career. Si enjoyed spending time watching golf and horse racing. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. A special thank you to the nurses and staff at Gilmore Lodge who took such great care of Si during his time there. He so much enjoyed joking with all of you. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Berner Ave. Fort Erie, entrusted with arrangements. A Memorial Service will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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GALLANT, Arthur - Arthur Gallant passed away doing what he loved - garage sales. Survived by his companion of 36 years, Dorothy Dixon, his son John Gallant (Michelle), step-daughter and son, Sherry & Richard Dixon, grandchildren Kirstie and Zachary Gallant, Taylor and Jacob Hitchcock, Jessica Dixon, Alisha (Justin) and Jami Carpenter, and great grandchildren Brooklyn and Aubree. Sadly missed by brothers Rod, Gary, Alex, Leslie, Donald, Gordon, Rodney, George, and sisters Linda, Manolete, and Beatrice. Predeceased by parents Earnest and Florence Gallant, sister Juliet, and brothers Alan and Richard. Arthur will be dearly remembered for the love he had for his family, his wonderful sense of humour and by his love of movie watching and animals, especially his spotted cat, **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Berner Avenue, Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. To honour Arthur there will be an open house on May 23rd, from 2-5pm at 741 Fernside Ave. Fort Erie. So desired, donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

RANDALL, Audrey Gladys - It is with heavy hearts that we, the family of Audree Gladys Randall, announce her passing on May 5th 2015. Beloved wife of the late Sanford "Sandy" Randall. Cherished mother of Judy (Walt) Hilmayer of Ridgeway, Jim (Nancy) Randall of Fort Erie and Jane (Chris) Hunter of Ovedo, Florida, Proud grandmother of Mark (Robin) Hilmayer, Monica (John) Rossel, Dennis Randall, Sarah (Kevin) Kimberly (P.J.) and Kate (Steve) Randall and Lauren (John) Hunter-Gau. Loving great grandmother of Alexander, Audreana, Meredith, Camarah, Sawyer and Sage. Predeceased by her sister Joan Patnick. Audree will always be remembered for her warm smile and big heart. As a homemaker, Audree enjoyed cooking almost as much as her friends, family and church members enjoyed her delicious meals and sweets. Sewing was another strong suit. Whether teaching sewing classes, lecturing or making her own fashion-forward clothing. Audree was a sharp dresser and trendsetter. Audree was a member of the Fort Erie Kinettes, the Women's Assoc. of St. Andrew's Knox Presbyterian Church and a CGIT leader. She also enjoyed bird watching from her window. If so desired, donations can be made to the Steve Lutzki Centre for Parkinson's Rehabilitation at Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada or you're encouraged to save a life by making a blood donation in memory of Audree at your local blood donation clinic. The family will receive friends on Monday, May 11 at 10 a.m. Service to follow at 11 a.m. in the chapel of **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Berner Avenue, Fort Erie.

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KALTENECKER, IDA MAE (NEE HURST) - Ida Mae passed away peacefully at Gilmore Lodge in Fort Erie on May 6th, 2015. Born in Berlie Township on July 8th, she is predeceased by her parents Wilmer and Jean Hurst, her husband Douglas Kaltenecker, her siblings Howard Hurst, Dorothy Dobson, Edna Shaw, brother-in-laws John Dobson and Tom Shaw and nephews Benjamin Hurst and Thomas Shaw Jr. Ida Mae will be sadly missed by her nieces and nephews Daniel (Mary) Hurst, Jacqueline (Henry) Nastalin, Susan (late Richard) Shular, Craig (Joelyne) Dobson, Frederick (Mary) Shaw, Kimberley (Allen) Hughson and Randall (Rozine) Shaw. She will be fondly remembered by her close and longtime friend Lawrence Alexander who visited her every day as well as good friends John and Martha Gastner. Ida Mae retired from Canadian Gasket, will be remembered for her love of and accomplishments in Figure Skating, her enjoyment of sports especially softball, bowling and horseback riding. Her love of family and friends was constantly shown, often through her ability and love of baking. The family express their appreciation to Dr. David Harry as well as the nurses and staff of Gilmore Lodge for the compassionate care they provided. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The Family will receive friends on Saturday May 9th, 2015 from 10am till time of service at 11am in the Benner Chapel. Reception to follow at Krumen Hall at the Fort Erie Leisureplex. Interment will be in the Hagersville Cemetery, Hagersville, Ontario. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

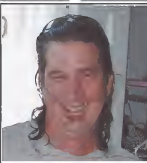
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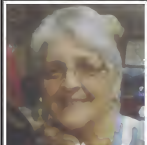
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Rhonda, Ta, Derrick, Anne Marie, Mike, Andrew, Melissa, Carl, Claire and Michael.



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William Wintemute "Bill"
May 13, 2014

It's hard to believe that 1 year has passed since we last saw your smile. We think of & miss you every day - your wisdom, your support and your love. As we move forward, in our memories you will be forever.


Love you Girls and Family
Christine, Nicole, Natalie,
Mary & Bob



Pasquale Quaranta

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, and grandfather who passed away May 13, 2010. We can hardly believe that it's been five years since you left this world. You are never forgotten as you are always in our hearts and memories that we will cherish forever. Thinking of you telling jokes up in heaven makes us laugh.
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